



When an emergency/disaster/critical situation arises in the field, the procedure is as follows:

1. A member of the in-country team and Expedition Leader immediately notify CHOICE HQ and respective emergency contacts.
2. The Expedition Leaders + EMT work with the In-country team to assess the situation and move individual/group to safe location

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

- Participant is immediately treated by EMT/Medic on the trip
- After consulting as leadership between the expedition leaders, in-country team, and EMT, the EMT makes the ultimate decision regarding immediate next steps for participant health and safety.
- Depending on the situation, the participant is then transported as quickly as possible to the nearest hospital by EMT Medic, one expedition leader, and a member of the in-country team. The nearest hospital to the village is documented in the Community Details Form.
- Other expedition leader(s) and members of in-country team will stay with the remaining group.
- If necessary, helicopter or other form of emergency transportation will be coordinated to ensure maximum support and care.
- CHOICE HQ and respective emergency contacts remains notified of the situation and any changes.
- Emergency evacuation insurance provider is contacted and informed of the situation.

### **NATURAL DISASTER**

- Participant is immediately treated by EMT/Medic on the trip
- Depending on the situation, the participant is then transported as quickly as possible to the nearest hospital by EMT Medic, one expedition leader, and a member of the in-country team.
- Other expedition leader(s) and members of in-country team will stay with the remaining group.
- If necessary, helicopter or other form of emergency transportation will be coordinated to ensure maximum support and care.
- CHOICE HQ and respective emergency contacts remains notified of the situation and any changes.
- Emergency evacuation insurance provider is contacted and informed of the situation.